

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
ETHICS AND ELECTIONS**

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

12:00 Noon

Room 307 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Ethics and Elections was called to order by **Representative Marc Corriveau**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Corriveau, Clemente, Bieda, Donigan, Hammon, Ward and Wenke.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Pearce.

Representative Bieda moved to adopt the minutes of the **March 13, 2007**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Bieda moved to excuse absent members from the committee. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Corriveau laid **HB 4472** before the committee:

HB 4472 Brown	Legislature; ethics; legislators applying for or receiving grants from the state; prohibit.
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Representative Bieda moved to adopt the substitute **(H-1)** to **HB 4472**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **7-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Corriveau, Clemente, Bieda, Donigan, Hammon, Ward and Wenke,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

TESTIMONY

Representative Brown, sponsor of HB 4472, explained his bill to the committee.

Robert LaBrant, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, submitted a card in support of the bill.

Rich Robinson, representing the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, submitted a card in support of the bill.

Chairman Corriveau laid **HB 4001** before the committee:

HB 4001	Bieda	Public employees and officers; ethics; disclosure of contributions to legal defense funds for elected officials; require.
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Representative Bieda moved to adopt the substitute **(H-1)** to **HB 4001**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **7-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Corriveau, Clemente, Bieda, Donigan, Hammon, Ward and Wenke,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

TESTIMONY

Representative Bieda, sponsor of HB 4001, explained his bill to the committee.

Rich Robinson, representing the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, testified in support of the bill.

Robert LaBrant, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, testified in opposition to the bill.

Shelli Weisberg, representing the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), testified indicating neutrality on the bill.

Chairman Corriveau laid **HB 4315** before the committee:

HB 4315	Bieda	Legislature; legislators; voting on bills when a conflict of interest exists; prohibit.
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Representative Donigan moved to adopt the substitute **(H-1)** to **HB 4315**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **(6-0-1)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Corriveau, Clemente, Bieda, Donigan, Hammon and Wenke,
Nays: None,

Pass: Representative Ward.

TESTIMONY

Representative Bieda, sponsor of HB 4315, explained his bill to the committee.

Chairman Corriveau placed the committee at ease at 12:42 p.m.

The committee reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

*The committee returned to the consideration of **HB 4472**.*

Representative Donigan moved to report **HB 4472** with recommendation, as substitute (**H-1**).

The motion prevailed by a vote of **7-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Corriveau, Clemente, Bieda, Donigan, Hammon, Ward and Wenke,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

*The committee returned to the consideration of **HB 4315**.*

Representative Clemente moved to report **HB 4315** with recommendation, as substitute (**H-1**).

The motion prevailed by a vote of **7-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Corriveau, Clemente, Bieda, Donigan, Hammon, Ward and Wenke,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:52 p.m.

Representative Marc Corriveau, Chair
House Standing Committee on Ethics and Elections
Malika Abdur-Rashid
Committee Clerk
517-373-7256
52 Minutes